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A Victory for the People.

These citizens of Bloomfield who desire to see progress in the administration of local affairs need not feel disappointed at the result of the meeting held last Tuesday night. The issue simply was: Shall the people of the town rule, or shall they be ruled by a mere faction? As happened at the town meeting held a year ago, and again at the meeting of December 22d, 1893, so at the public meeting of March 27th the "municipalists" as the spokesmen for the whole people have been called, have beaten the monopolists, or private corporationists, as the opponents of the people may be called. The plans of the private corporationists to get this question of water supply out of the control of the people for another ten years, was "frustrated." The faction, after appealing to the people for the third time, have been outvoted. Each time a public meeting is called, and a discussion had of this vital question of the capability of the people to conduct their own affairs, the miserable minority faction that in one shape or another has so long handicapped Bloomfield, becomes weaker, less able to make enough of the people believe their sophistries, and so keep them in power.

If the people are true to themselves and truly appreciate the efforts made in their behalf, they will not let the advantage gained last Tuesday night become lost by inaction. Another town meeting—and the more of them the better for the people—will be held April 2d, and there this same water question will come up again. When in that meeting the appropriation of \$7,500 recommended by the Town Committee for "water contract" is reached it will be pertinent to ask Boss Stout whether we are to pay \$60 a hydrant or \$30 the coming year? If we are to pay no more than East Orange pays, that recommended appropriation is too large. It can be cut down \$3000, and that saving would be considerable to the tax-exempters, to the "rabble" in these times, if not much to the "rabobs," who are wont to lay heavy burdens upon men's shoulders. If they local powers that be" say that they propose to pay the Orange Water Company \$60 a hydrant this year as in the past, then "the rabble" might very appropriately take another vote upon the resolutions offered by Mr. Gilbert. We dare say they could be passed in the annual town meeting that is approaching, if the people in the meantime will do their part in the agitation and education of each other in regard to this water question.

The Old Bloomfield Academy.

Speaking of Dr. Foster's obituary notice in THE RECORD, one of our readers expresses the opinion that few of the present generation understand the reference there made to "The Academy." There are very few, if any, in town or elsewhere, who remember Franklin Sherrill's work as principal of that school. There are, however, some who remember with gratitude the influence exerted not only on the boys of the village, but on all the people, by that gentlemanly scholar and inspiring teacher, William K. Macdonald. His successor, Rev. David A. Frame gathered around him an admiring body of teachers and pupils, many of whom still live to hand down to others those grand influences which have ennobled their own lives.

The memory of our late highly-reputed citizen, Mr. James H. Russell, is still fresh in the minds of our people. His school, the last which bore the name of "The Academy," was for many years well known in New York City and its environs for the thorough intellectual and many education it furnished. It would seem a grateful work for some survivor of the earlier days to write a history of this Alma Mater.

To the names of early Academy boys mentioned already may be added those of John Sidney Seabury, Abram Oakley Hall, William S. Ward, Cyrus Ward, Cyrus M. Dodd, Henry B. Mum, Frederic H. Harris, Francis N. Peloubet; some of whom have finished their work on earth; all of whom have filled honorable and useful positions in life; and the world is the better for their being in it.

The union young people's prayer meeting will be held in the Sunday School room of the First Presbyterian Church, Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. Subject, "Everywhere Faithful." Leader, E. S. Kidder, of the Westminster Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. All are invited to attend.

Jos. A. PELOUBET.

"The Twelve Apostles."

Editor Record:

In the great amount of misrepresentation and vituperation in which the Organ of high religious sentiment has indulged, pointed against citizens who have availed themselves of a God-given right, i.e., to think for themselves and discharge the duties assigned them with a sense of the obligations resting on them, there has been none in worse taste than that contained in its last issue.

For an organ claiming to be conducted on high moral and religious principles, it has chosen a time decidedly out of place to draw invidious comparisons as between the citizens who are not in accord with their views and those who are. While the sweet and benign emotions of Easter are upon all, when view the profane and ungodly yield to its peaceful influences, and at least outwardly pay homage to a risen Lord, its column could have been placed to better use than creating animosity and attempting to sow discord. It stops me here, but with unashamed face scurrilously places a list of "taxpayers" on the one side and a quota of twelve on the other, and honours them with the name of "Apostles." The appendix of "municipalism" does not mitigate in its favor.

Saw the organ has taken these two, the taxpayer and the apostle, and placed them in comparison, let us follow it a little further.

It is true that twelve signed the report emanating from the Committee of Thirty. A majority of the remaining members will be found in the ranks of the much-mentioned taxpayers. Yes, twelve, yes, there were twelve that Christ died to him; yet, twice who feared not to do their Master's bidding without fear of the talents, joys and abuse of the Jewish rabbi.

Yes, there were twelve faithful ones remaining of the original committee who had the courage to investigate and truthfully report as they found, unbiased by mercenary considerations of personal motives.

On the other side we read that one sought Jesus asking: "What shall I do to inherit eternal life?" The answer: "Sell all that thou hast and come follow me;" and when he heard this he was very sorrowful for he was very rich. If the scribbler of the organ was writing the narrative he would have said "A taxpayer." He did not tell all that he had and give to the poor, so he went on the other side and was not added to the twelve, and it is this distinction the Organ desires to present, but to them the Nicodemites of today must be honored above the Apostles. It were well we go a step further. We are now in the Half of Pilate. Who is it that cry out "Away with him, away with him, crucify him?" It is none of the twelve, but the friends of Nicodemus, if not Nicodemus himself.

One fact, but not in comparison. There was one who betrayed our blessed Lord, and there was one who denied Him. In this case the twelve stood fast, while in the opposing ranks are those who, if they possessed the necessary courage to follow their twelve, would only be too glad to stand with the twelve, but like Peter, deny not with an oath but holy protestations that they are not of them.

The scene changes, forty days elapse, and He is not with His disciples. They, poor and humble, too poor even to draw the attention of the tax gatherer, go under the direction of their departed Master upon His business. So faithfully did they obey that to-day, at the close of the twentieth century, the doctrines of the then despised Nazarene have encircled the whole earth, and under their influences the modern Nicodemites are safe in their worldly possessions.

To preserve and add to, would seem to be their sole aim in living. The original twelve are gone, but the influences set in motion by them will go on forever, and unchanged in their sainthood will continue to exert a power for good to time shall be no more.

The principles involved in the question cannot be recognized by the Organ by reason of obscurity of perception, due to worship of show instead of quality. They are that of true manhood and patriotic citizenship. There can be no assent, in this case, for they are—and will always remain with us. The twelve who have dared to stand forth and defend their convictions reached by due and patient inquiry, will not nor do they desire canonization, rather expecting, and no doubt receiving anathematization, but have the consolation of knowing that their children and children's children will have no cause to make excuse for the stand they have taken on the question.

Once before the Organ went to the Scriptures for a basis of comparison. Then a "prophet of God," now the disciples of his Son. There remains naught for it now but to attack the Deity.

ONE OF TWELVE.

Mr. Peloubet's Solution.

As the solution of the question of Water and Light in our town I would suggest:

The formation of a joint stock company with a capital of, say, \$20,000, divided into 40,000 shares of par value of \$5 each. The capital to be raised by popular subscription from the citizens of Bloomfield; thus practically making it municipal ownership without any political machinery. The Company to be governed by a board of directors to be elected annually by the stockholders. Each share of stock issued to have one vote.

The by-laws or other proper documents to contain substantially the following clauses and conditions:

1st. No individual stock holder shall hold more than \$5000 worth of stock of the Company. The idea is to have the taxpayers generally hold the stock and to prevent getting into the hands of monopolists.

2d. The township to have the option of purchasing the whole plant at any time within five years at actual cost, plus 6 per cent per annum on stock issues, and the stock of the Company, in case of purchase by the town, may be exchanged at par for township bonds or used to pay taxes or other indebtedness to the township.

That for the present the Company shall only ask for franchise to lay pipes and furnish water on streets where there is none, where the present service is unsatisfactory or defective in the opinion of the Company.

That electric light service shall extend over the township, but only to be used by and paid for by the town in such districts as the Town Committee shall from time to time select.

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Estate of Henry B. Sheldon.

PURSUANT TO THE ORDER OF JOHN B. DURENBERRY, Surrogate of the County of Essex, this day made, on the application of the undersigned Executrix of said deceased, and in accordance with the terms of her will, she did execute to the subscriber under seal or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate of said deceased, within nine months of the date of her death, and will therefore免 from presenting or recovering the same against the subscribers.

MARY B. SHELDON,

HENRY B. SHELDON, Jr.

Political Notes.

The Board of Registry and Election will meet in their respective election districts next Tuesday, April 3d, from 1 to 9 P. M., for the purpose of revising and correcting the voting list. There are a large number of "first voters" who should see to it that their names are registered at this time.

A Republican mayor was elected on Tuesday at Yonkers, N. Y.

For the first time in fifteen years, Westchester County, N. Y., Board of Supervisors is Republican, 17 to 10.

Julius Leibniz was nominated by the Republicans for Mayor of Newark, on Wednesday evening, after a hot contest, in which six ballots were necessary. The Republicans of Newark, have every reason to hope that their candidate will be elected.

The Republicans are so sure that the legislature will pass the new freeholder bill that they have called a convention for next Tuesday, April 3d, to nominate candidates for freeholders. There are to be twelve, and each is to receive \$1000 per year, payable monthly.

Governor McKinley was given an ovation by the Republicans of Minnesota on Wednesday.

The Newark Daily Advertiser says in regard to the freeholder bill: Hudson County has the best of the bargain, and the townships of Essex, which are the backbone of Republican success, are left in the cold.

What the effect of ignoring the townships will be, it is difficult to foresee, but no one will question the folly of placing the townships under such conditions that they will be lucky if they have any representation at all on the board of freeholders.

A Carnival of Fun.

The attraction at the handsome American Hotel, New York, during the week beginning Monday, April 2d, will be Pete F. Daley, the inimitable comedian, in his hilarious funny farce, "A Country Sport," which is in the last week of a run several months at the Bijou theatre.

This attraction has been one of the most successful ever organized, and has drawn and delighted packed houses everywhere from New York to San Francisco. It is the only farce comedy that has ever received a complete succession of complimentary criticism from the entire New York press, not an adverse line of any description has appeared in the papers during its long run, and Mr. Daley is without doubt the most thoroughly original comedian he has ever presented to the public. He is surrounded by as clever a coterie of artists as ever employed in a production of this kind. There are Merry May Irwin, whom no more clever comedienne exists. She is an excellent foil to the star, and their scenes together are laugh provoking in the extreme. John G. Sparks, the most natural Irishman on the stage to-day; Ada Lewis, the original "Tough Girl"; Andrew Mack, the silver voiced tenor, Frank R. Jackson, the original G. A. R. man; Edward Begley, Joe Calahan, Roland Carter, Geo. Gates, Lawrence Sherman, Prof. Stretti, Agnes Paul, May Lewellen, Kathleen Warren, Frieda Depew, Lida Durrell, and Angie Gaines. The engagement is for one week only.

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MARCH 20, 1894.

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PURSUANT TO THE ORDER OF JOHN B.

DURENBERRY, Surrogate of the County of

Essex, this day made, on the application of

the undersigned Executrix of said deceased,

and in accordance with the terms of her will,

she did execute to the subscriber under seal

or affirmation their claims and demands

against the estate of said deceased, within

nine months of the date of her death, and will

therefore免 from presenting or recovering

the same against the subscribers.

MARY B. SHELDON,

HENRY B. SHELDON, Jr.

JOSEPH A. PELOUBET.

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March 20, 1894.

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